

Docket No.: 21.1993

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sawao IWATANI

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Serial No. 09/779,844

Group Art Unit: 2142

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Confirmation No. 5417

Technology Center 2100

Filed: February 9, 2001

Examiner: Vu, Thong

For:

STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD, AND COMPUTER-

READABLE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on August 20, 2004. A Petition for a one -month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 20, 2004. This Amendment is timely filed on September 20, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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Attorney Docket No. 21,1993 Application Number 09/779.844 REPLY/AMENDMENT Filing Date February 9, 2001 FEE TRANSMITTAL First Named Sawao IWATANI Inventor RECEIVED Group Art Unit 2142 SEP 2 3 2004 AMOUNT ENCLOSED 110.00 **Examiner Name** Vu, Thong **Technology Center 2100** FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03) CLAIMS AS Claims Remaining Highest Number Number **AMENDED** After Amendment Previously Paid For Extra Rate Calculations TOTAL CLAIMS 26 0 X \$ 18.00 = 26 = 0.00 INDEPENDENT 11 = X\$ 86.00 = 0.00 11 **CLAIMS** Since an Official Action set an original due date of August 20, 2004, petition is hereby 110.00 made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110)): If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00) If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00) Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00) Total of above Calculations = \$ 110.00 Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) TOTAL FEES DUE = 110.00 (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0". (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20". (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0". (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". METHOD OF PAYMENT \boxtimes Check enclosed as payment. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below. No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date). **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION** \boxtimes If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935 Deposit Account Name STAAS & HALSEY LLP \boxtimes The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application. SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP Typed Name Mehdi D. Sheikerz 41,307 Reg. No. Signature Date

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